

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-09

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R 180130Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2279  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
AMEMBASSY DAKAR  
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE  
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
AMCONSUL SURABAYA  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK  
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINS PP ID  
SUBJ: IRIAN JAYAN DISSIDENT MOVEMENT

REF: A) PORT MORESBY 0588, B) PORT MORESBY 0598

1. BOTH PNG DEFENCE FORCE COMMANDER AND AUSTRALIAN HICOM  
OFFICIAL HAVE TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE PRESS STATEMENT  
REPORTED IN REFTEL B IS AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF THEIR  
ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION. SOLE EXCEPTION IS THAT PNG  
DEFENCE FORCE OFTENS PATROLS SEKOTIA. IT IS NOT A QTE NO  
GO AREA. UNQTE.

2. ON MAY 13, GPNG RECEIVED A LETTER FROM CAPTURED OPM  
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FACTION LEADER SETH RUMKOREM STATING THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO  
ACCEPT FONMIN KIKI'S OFFER OF PERMISSIVE RESIDENCE IN PNG  
IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SURRENDER TO GPNG. THE LETTER  
INCLUDED A LIST OF 35 REBELS WHO WOULD ALSO SURRENDER.  
THIS LIST INCLUDED THE NAMES OF THE 26 WHO HAVE BEEN  
REPORTED CAPTURED.

3. PNGDF COMMANDER BG DIRO LEFT FOR VANIMO ON MAY 16 ON SHORT NOTICE, PRESUMABLY TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE DEVELOPING SITUATION.

4. AUSTRALIAN HICOM OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GPNG IS ABOUT TO IMPLEMENT A TOUGHER BORDER CONTROL POLICY THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE ARREST OF AND SURRENDER TO GOI OF ANY OPM FORCES FOUND IN PNG. HICOM OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT GPNG MAY BE PLANNING TO SEND MILITARY FORCES TO DEAL WITH OPM FACTIONS NOW REPORTED IN SEKOTIA.

5. COMMENT: BG DIRO, WHO IS NOW ON THE SCENE, HAS GENERALLY ADVOCATED A TOUGHER POLICY AGAINST THE OPM, AND GPNG IS UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED ABOUT EVENTS REPORTED IN REFTTEL A WHICH APPEAR TO BE TAKING PLACE ON PNG SOIL. HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ANY GPNG INTERVENTION WOULD AT LEAST INITIALLY BE CONFINED TO ASKING BOTH OPM FACTIONS TO RETURN TO INDONESIAN SIDE OF BORDER. THE PNG CABINET WOULD BE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION AGAINST EITHER REBEL FACTION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AMMUNITION FOR POLITICIANS WITH OPM SYMPATHIES IN THE CURRENT NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN. ONE WHO WOULD BE QUICK TO CAPITALIZE ON THE SITUATION WOULD BE PAUL LANGRO, MP FOR THE WEST SEPIK PROVINCE, WHERE EVENTS ARE REPORTED TO BE TAKING PLACE, AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.  
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## Message Attributes

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